

## **May 16, 2011 Parks and Rec Meeting**

**Present: Al Gerew Timothy Pratt**

**Juliette Lopes-Recinos Kevin Mazzearella**

**Cheri Hall**

**Stephen Rawson – Town Council Liason**

**Dave Marcotte**

**Excused: Alice Levigne**

**Absent: Al Low, Joshua Steere**

**Guests: Ray Church**

**Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Al Gerew, Chair, at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, RI.**

**Motion to accept minutes of April, 11, 2011 regular meeting made by Dave Marcotte, Seconded by Tim Pratt. Motion passed 5-0**

**Correspondence: The Chair shared with the commission the response we received from Mike Wood regarding the Recreation Capital Account. Mike had answered our questions for the most part and also provided the account balance. The only other issue that was**

not answered was the frequency of which the commission could request access to this account. A copy of the letter was provided to all commission members. Mike also stated in his letter that he didn't quite understand what the "fees in lieu of land" meant. The letter basically states that the commission can make a recommendation, and the council will vote on it. The Council has overall control over this account.

**Good and Welfare:** The director stated that work will begin on the tennis courts this week. Some of the new equipment is at the recreation office.

**Old Business:**

**Spring Lake:** The director stated that most of the inspections are completed. Cheri will be meeting with staff and getting ready for the opening. The new registers should be in about mid-June. The Fire Dept. will be in next week for final approvals.

**Skate Park:** The director sent pictures of the damaged equipment to the manufacturer. She received an estimate of about \$605.00 for repairs. The manufacturer said the equipment should be sandblasted. Cheri is getting quotes on painting.

**Burrillville Earth Day:** Director said turn out was great. Over 163 tons of trash was collected.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Once again, very successful. Over 400 kids attended.

**Operating Budget:** Director announced there is a public hearing on the budget this Thursday, May 19, 2011. Cheri stated that there were corrections made to the previous handouts on the budget and they now appear to be ok.

**New Business:**

**7pm:** Stephen Rawson arrived at meeting.

**Alternatives for Fishing/Canoe Access:** Dave Marcotte said that there is interest in a canoe launch area and it was discussed at a recent council meeting. The area in question is at the Stillwater Mill Complex. It appears that only a few trees would need to be taken down. The Chair has written a letter to the Executive Director of Neighborworks Blackstone River Valley. In the letter, the commission is asking if Neighborworks would grant the appropriate easement. This would only be intended for canoes and kayaks, no motorized boats would be allowed. We had a discussion to correct the statement in the letter regarding the no motorized boats. Al will correct the letter so it clearly states no motorized boats. Dave Marcotte made a motion to send the letter out. Judy 2nd the motion. Motion passed 5-0

**7:10:** Stephen Rawson left meeting abruptly over disagreement of

**proposed location of canoe launch.**

**Men's Softball:** Director said opening day has a few problems. Some balls were hit into someone's yard. It appears everything is ok now. We believe the league was on a field they shouldn't have been on. The issue of who has keys to Hauser Field was discussed. Al Low and Cheri have keys, and the Men's Softball has 2 sets.

**Adopt a Duck:** Cheri handed out the tickets to the commission. The date of the race is Sunday, August 21, 2011.

**Burrillville Coalition for Youth:** The Director shared with the commission information regarding Burrillville Coalition for Youth. This group began with the help of Town Council member Ed Blanchard. Their goal is to start a youth center in town. The director requested that a commission member try and attend the meeting they are having at the Library on 5/17/2011. Dave Marcotte and Kevin Mazarella agreed to attend that meeting.

**Summer Programming:** The Director gave the commission hand outs on concerts/programs for this June, July and August.

**Project Priority List – Goals and Objectives:** The Council has created a list of goals and objectives. It appears to have the same items on it that this commission is considering. Cheri will send out the list to the commission members.

**Elk Crossing Subdivision: A plan was submitted for 362 Mt. Pleasant Road. The commission decided that after review, we have no concerns in this matter and will respond accordingly.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8pm Motion made by Dave Marcotte, 2nd by Judy Lopez-Recinos. Motion passed 5-0**

**Next Meeting: Monday, June 13, 2011, 6:30pm.**